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RECENT DEATHS OF C.A.W.M.C. MEMBERS:

I'M sure all CAWMC members would wish to extend condolences to the families of our CAWMC members in their recent losses.

- - - to the family of **Earl Salterio**, on his passing on March 1st following a heart attack. Earl was a Past President of the C.N.A. and held numerous positions within the C.N.A., including chairman of its 50th anniversary committee. He was a recent Past President of our CAWMC as well as the current chairman of our Board of Governors. At the time of his passing, he served as a co-chairman of this year's 2005 C.N.A. convention scheduled for this July 20th to 24th in Calgary, Alberta. A more detailed write-up on Earl will appear next month.

- - - to the family of **Jerome 'Jerry' Remick**, on his passing at his home in Ste-Foy, Quebec on March 1st. Jerry had the distinction of probably writing more numismatic articles than anybody else in Canadian numismatic history. He contributed to nearly every numismatic publication of note. He has been the recipient of many prestigious numismatic awards. He wrote ongoing articles for Canadian Coin News, the Personalized Medal Society bulletin, numerous, local, coin club bulletins and for several U.S. papers, on his topic specialties. Over the years, Jerry has written many articles on wooden tokens and those articles have appeared in this newsletter. Jerry was one person on whom I could always rely for wood-related articles for publication.

- - - to Garry Braunwarth on the recent passing of his mother. Garry is one of our CAWMC founding members and was CAWMC's first President and also editor of this newsletter for many years.

More detailed write-ups will appear in future issues of 'Timber Talk'.

ONTARIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION IN SUDBURY:

The *Nickel Belt Coin Club* is host for this year's 2005 convention to be held *April 16th* and *17th* in Sudbury, Ontario. It is the O.N.A.'s 43rd annual convention and will be held at the *Ramada Inn at 85 Ste. Anne Rd., Rainbow Outlet Centre.*

The ***Southern Ontario Chapter of CAWMC*** **will not** be holding a **formal meeting** for 'wood' collectors at this convention this year. Many 'woodies' will be attending, however, and you can be sure that many informal gatherings and swap sessions will take place.

PICTURE OF HOWARD RICHARDSON:

PAST PRESIDENTS:

Garry Braunwarth – 1975-1977

Victor Hall – 1977-1979

Don Robb – 1979-1981

Stan Clute – 1981-1983

Neil Probert – 1983-1985

Norm Belsten – 1985-1991

Pat White – 1991-1995

Lou Vesh – 1995-2001

Earl Salterio – 2001-2003

In my last month's **'Snippets Of The CAWMC Past'**, I showed a profile-like image of **Howard** on one of the woods that he issued. CAWMC member **Dave Bawcutt** has sent to me an actual photo of him. This photo was taken when Howard was President of the Scarborough Coin Club in 1986/87. I hope this photocopies decently. Many thanks, Dave for this photo.

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WAYNE GILLCASH, LOU VESH
JAMES WILLISTON.

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Canadian Residents: $10.00 Canadian Funds
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International Members Rate (outside of Canada and U.S.): $20.00 Canadian Funds
Youth (16 years of age and under): $5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

This month's free wood, for all members is courtesy of long-time CAWMC member **Les Copan (Charter member #C4)** from Surrey, British Columbia. Les also provided a similar wood from this same **'Mandeville'** Garden Nursery. It was the free wood for Jan. 2004 and was dated 'April 30, 2003' for "1 free Stargazer Lily bulb". As you can see **this wood** is for the fall season of that same year ***'Nov. 2003'*** and is for ***"5 free yellow daffodils"***. The wood is black both sides. Many thanks, Les for this donation.

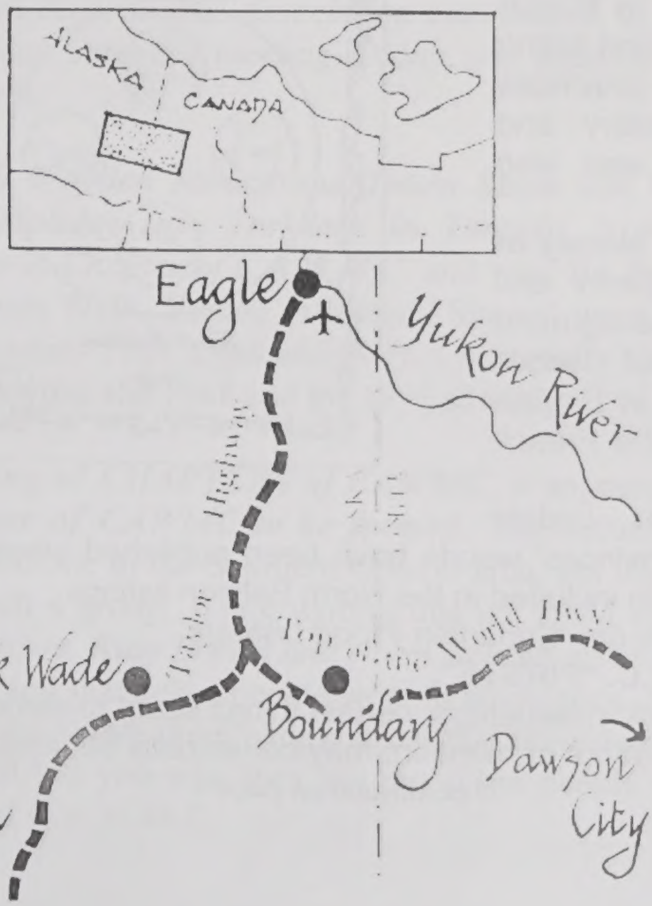
AN ALASKAN CHRONICLE - continued - *by 'Rain Forest Rusty'* *Article #2*

This wood from *EAGLE* is the wood *farthest east* (in the main body of Alaska). This small community, of about 140 persons, is located 12 miles west of the Alaska – Yukon border. It was originally established in the late 1890s – early 1900s on the Yukon River 105 miles downstream from Dawson City (but yet, further north west of Dawson City, due to the direction of the river's flow). The reason for Eagle's founding came from the *search for gold* in the area and the need for a supply and government services center. Its rise in 1897 & decline by 1911 was all attributed to the stampede to the area in search of gold, then the exodus to other gold strikes, eg; Nome and Fairbanks.

Today, Eagle is connected to both the Yukon and Alaska by the 160 mile Taylor highway which runs from Teslin Junction on the Alaska Highway (near the town of Tok) and terminates in Eagle, *and*, the Top Of The World Highway which runs from Dawson City to the Taylor Highway (at the town of Chicken) then right, to Eagle, a total distance of 144 miles.

The present residents of Eagle rely on some gold mining still in the area, plus tourism in the summer (many historic buildings there) and some Government work (eg; Parks, Highway maintenance, School, Postal Service, Firefighting etc.).

The *Eagle Road House* (original building built in 1898 and was of log construction) was only named as such and operated as such from 1972 to 1978. The proprietors during these years were Susie & Ralph Helmer. They had 1000 of these woods produced and distributed them from a big jar, which sat on the counter of the combination restaurant, motel and store. The woods were sold as souvenirs or were given out as 'bonuses' when purchases were made. When the Road House closed (first the restaurant function closed, followed shortly by the motel aspect) in 1978, the name changed, as only the store function continued on for another 5 years. Thus, the Eagle Road House, per se, was in existence for only 5 to 6 years, 1972 – 1978.

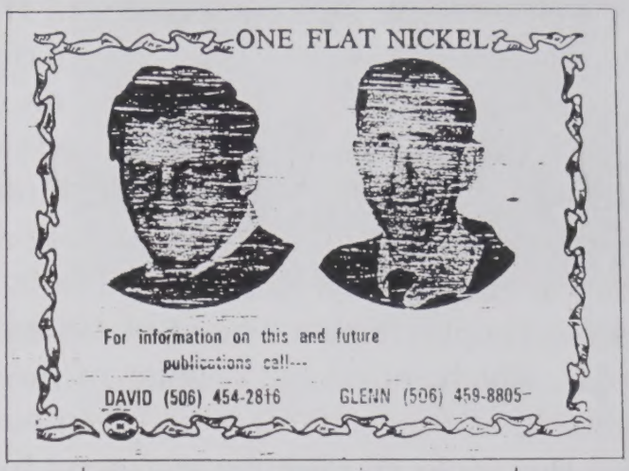


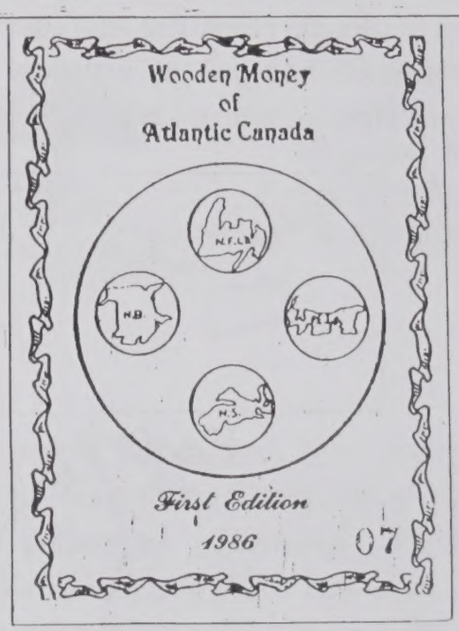
SNIPPETS OF THE C.A.W.M.C. PAST: ***by Editor Ross Kingdon – continued from Mar. 2005***

Since writing last month's (March) 'Snippets', I have talked to Norm Belsten and Russell Brown who were able to further clarify and help sort out much of my confusion regarding some 'wood listing' documents. Thankfully, Norm has written a very comprehensive, concise, summary (page 6) of all "wooden money" listings Thank you, Norm. This adds credence to what I was able to glean from reading past newsletters. Norm and Russ have these documents in their possession, I do not. Even though Norm's concise listing and my continued, newsletter reading story may result in much redundancy, I have printed both. Bob Brown, of Highspire, PA has also written to me to help clarify some U.S.A. publications that he has with Canadian woods listed, namely the Larry Gingras book and supplement. Thank you, Bob.

There may be people out there who have extra copies of some of these books and supplements and wish to sell them. If so, let's hear from you and we'll advertise them. Therefore, I continue.

Not lost in this Canadian Wood Listing process are the tremendous efforts and work done by two Maritimers **GLENN RODGER** (R87 and CAWMC life member #6) and **DAVE TAYLOR** (wife Cora Taylor R266), who co-published their **1st Edition of "Wooden Money of Atlantic Canada".** This document lists and pictures all 'wood' known at that time, from the four Canadian provinces of Nfld./Labrador, P.E.I., N.B., and N.S. This First Edition, **published March 1986**, had 95 pages (all in English) and listed approximately 352 woods. It cost $12.95 at the time. It included some 54 woods that *were not* in the Norm Wells' catalogues at that time. If you bought a copy of this First Edition, you received a wood flat *(pictured here) with your catalogue book number on the wood.*





A **2nd Edition**, similarly co-authored, named and **published** by Glenn and David, came out **in March 1989**. It was a 74 page continuation of the first listing and included the new woods from these four provinces (pictures included) along with much history and background information. This 2nd edition was also entirely in English.

Then, **in 1996 a 3rd Edition of "Wooden Money of Atlantic Canada" was published** by Glenn and David. It had 120 pages of wood listings, background information and history with pictures of woods included. This edition had the 120 pages in English and the same 120 pages translated into the French language (total 240 pages).

To my knowledge, no other similar update supplements or new editions of Atlantic provinces' woods have been published since. All Maritime woods issued since this 3rd Edition have been included in the Norm Belsten listings.

This then, as best I can, *completes* to date *the 'Canadian Wood Listings'.*

Next, let's take a glimpse at some **C.A.W.M.C. "FIRSTS".**

While reading through the old 'Timber Talk' newsletters, certain things seem to stand out as 'firsts' for this Association. Some things, that I talk about or mention, may not actually be absolute 'firsts', but I have included them anyway.

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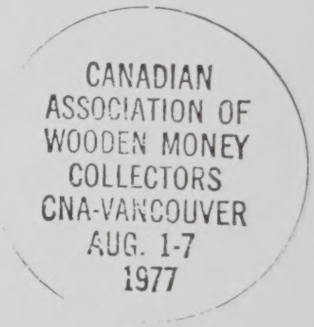
SNIPPETS OF THE C.A.W.M.C. PAST: - C.A.W.M.C. FIRSTS: *-continued from page 4*

The FIRST ever *elected* C.A.W.M.C. executive was installed at the ***July 1975*** wood gathering held at the Canadian Numismatic Association convention in ***Calgary, Alberta***. You could say it is fitting that ***our CAWMC 30th anniversary*** is being celebrated at this same C.N.A.convention, this year 2005, ***also in Calgary, Alberta***. This ***first elected CAWMC executive*** was:

President: Garry Braunwarth C1 from Calgary, Alberta
Vice President: Victor Hall C2 from London, Ontario
Sec./Treas./Membership Chairman: Bruce Watt C23 from Oshawa, Ontario
Editor of 'Timber Talk': Garry Braunwarth
Board of Governors: George Parfet C3 from Pennsylvania, USA
Don Smith C27 from South Porcupine, Ontario
Gelvin Leeper C21 from Nebraska, USA
Don Cole C41 from Whitby, Ontario
Frank Harding C16 from Laura, Saskatchewan
and Earl O'Cathey C14 from California, USA

The ***first C.A.W.M.C. logo*** was designed by ***Don Smith***, charter member #C27. Don is still a CAWMC member and still has an address in South Porcupine, Ontario. The ***first CAWMC wood with this logo on it*** was distributed at the 'wood', general meeting, gathering held at the ***Canadian Numismatic Association convention in Vancouver, Canada in August 1977***. I have pictured the wood here. I hope I have pictured the correct wood as the write-up in the August 1977 newsletter leaves some confusion. This wood is listed as 9800 – 09, under Vancouver, in our official listing.



Our ***first C.A.W.M.C. breakfast, general meeting*** was held at the ***Montreal 1980 Canadian Numismatic Association convention***. It was apparently a very successful *Friday* breakfast meeting. Today, our breakfast meetings are usually held on Sundays.

The ***first All Wooden Money and Token Show*** was held on ***October 24th, 1981 at the Holiday Inn, Yorkdale, in Toronto***. It was sponsored by the *Southern Ontario Chapter of C.A.W.M.C.* and was, for the most part, organized by the late Norm Wells. Future 'All Wood Shows' were held in Niagara Falls, Ontario in the years 1983, 1988 and 1993. I personally remember attending and thoroughly enjoying the 1988 and the 1993 shows.

Now, speaking of ***CHAPTERS of CAWMC***, it appears that the ***Southern Ontario Chapter*** was the ***FIRST Chapter of CAWMC to be formed***. The January 1981 newsletter indicates that a group of interested collectors, in the Southern Ontario area, got together in Nov. 1980, to discuss the possibility of forming such a group. While writing this up, I had the opportunity to discuss this topic, this time with *Paul Johnson, Russ Brown and Norm Belsten* and found out that this meeting took place at ***John Curtis'*** house and that *seven* people were in attendance. The Jan. 1981 newsletter says *only six people attended*, but the above three people insist that there were *seven in attendance*. Stay tuned, because next month I'll tell you who they say the *seven* people were and go on to talk about this and other CHAPTERS of C.A.W.M.C.

"CANADIAN WOOD" LISTINGS: ***by Norm Belsten***

This is a list of books that show Canadian woods. While many of the books are no longer available, you might get lucky and find one in an auction somewhere.

U.S.A. PUBLICATIONS WITH CANADIAN WOODS:

'A Guide to Wooden Money' – Emil De Bella 1957 –24 pages – 1/3 page of Can. woods –no pictures

'History and Checklist of Wooden Money' – Emil De Bella –1964 –83 pages –3 Can. pages –no pictures

'Wooden Money' –first supplement – M. Wayne Dennis & Thomas B. Hudson –1972 –62 pages – 9 ½ pages on Can. woods – no pictures

CANADIAN PUBLICATIONS LISTING CANADIAN WOODS:

'Wooden Money of Canada' –Larry Gingras –1961 –40 pages –all Canadian –complete with pictures

'Wooden Money of Canada' –Larry Gingras –Supplement –1963 –7 pages –all Can. –with pictures

'The Wooden Money & Tokens of Prince George, B.C.' –Paul Siggers –1968 –20 pages –all Can. –pictures

'Trade Tokens, Paper & Wooden Money of Saskatchewan' –Cecil C. Tannahill –1972 –151 pages –4 pages on Canadian woods –listing only –no pictures

'A List of Canadian Wooden Money' –John Curtis –1977 –41 pages –listing only –no pictures

'Canadian Wooden Money-Tokens & Souvenirs' – 1ST Edition –Norm Wells –1977 –225 pages – pictures

'Canadian Wooden Money-Tokens & Souvenirs' – 2ND Edition –Norm Wells –1979 –368 pages –pictures

-Supplement #1 –Norm Wells –1980 –52 pages –with pictures

-Supplement #2 –Norm Wells –1981 –66 pages –with pictures

-Supplement #3 –Norm Wells –1982 –76 pages –with pictures

-Supplement #4 –Norm Wells –1983 –66 pages –with pictures

'Canadian Wooden Money-Tokens & Souvenirs' – 3RD Edition –Norm Wells –1984 –611 pages –pictures

-Supplement #1 –Norm Wells –1985 –68 pages –with pictures

'For People Who Collect Wooden Money' – Howard Richardson –1986 –42 page SUPPLEMENT –pictures

'Wooden Money of Atlantic Canada' – 1ST Edition –Glenn Rodger & David Taylor –1986 –95 pages –with pictures

'Listing of Canadian Wooden Money' 1986 to 1988 – Norm Belsten –1988 –listing only –a continuation Supplement to Norm Wells 3RD Edition

'Wooden Money of Atlantic Canada' – 2ND Edition –Glenn Rodger & David Taylor –1989 –74 pages –with pictures

'**Listing** Of All Known Canadian Wooden Money To 1990' –Norm Belsten –1990 –100 pages –4800 woods

-Supplement #1 –Norm Belsten –1993 –22 pages –286 woods –***listing only***

-Supplement #2 –Norm Belsten –1994 –18 pages –275 woods –***listing only***

-Supplement #3 –Norm Belsten –1995 –20 pages –339 woods –***listing only***

'Wooden Money of Atlantic Canada' – 3RD Edition –Glenn Rodger & David Taylor –1996 –120 pages –with pictures –This book has 120 pages in English and 120 pages in French.

'Listing Of All Known Canadian Wooden Money' –***Supplement #4*** –Norm Belsten –1997 –36 pages –***300 new woods plus all woods contained in Supplements #1, #2, and #3.***

-Supplement #5 –Norm Belsten –1998 –25 pages –309 woods –***listing only***

-Supplement #6 –Norm Belsten –2000 –23 pages –270 woods –***listing only***

-Supplement #7 –Norm Belsten –2002 –24 pages –262 woods –***listing only***

-Supplement #8 –Norm Belsten –2004 –21 pages –276 woods –***listing only***

'**Picture Catalogue** Of All Known **Ontario Woods'** –Norm Belsten –2002 –300 pages –3500+ woods

For a **LISTING** of all Canadian Woods to date you would need: Norm Belsten's 1990 Listing and the 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002 and 2004 Supplements.

For all **PICTURES** available AT **THIS TIME** you would need: Norm Wells 3Rd Edition; Norm Wells 1985 Supplement; Howard Richardson's only Supplement 1986; Atlantic Canada's Editions #1, #2, and #3; and Norm Belsten's Ontario Picture Catalogue.